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CLUB TO PLAY HOST TO NEIGHBOR MCGRAW-HILL

The Overseas Press Club will officially welcome its new neighbor, McGraw-Hill, Inc., to the Avenue of the Americas with an Open House cocktail party on Wednesday, September 20. It will be held in the Grill room starting at 5:30 P.M.

McGraw-Hill Inc., one of the nation's largest publishing, educational and communications companies, was formerly located at 330 West 42 Street. It moved into its new 50-story tower in the Rockefeller Center complex in June, bringing nearly 1200 editorial employees into the neighborhood.

This party is the first of a series to be sponsored by the Membership Committee under Jim Wessell to acquaint prospective members with the fellowship and facilities of the OPC.

Jim Wessel urges as many OPC members as possible to attend the open house to help make the McGraw-Hill people feel at home. McGraw-Hill guests will receive chits good for two drinks on the house, which, of course, will help them feel right at home. For members, the Happy Hour prices will prevail, which should make them feel at home, too.

Remember the date, Wednesday, September 20 at 5:30 P.M.

CALENDAR

Tuesday, September 19—Open House honoring Max Harrelson, Associated Press chief correspondent at U.N. from 1950 to recent retirement. Cocktails, 5:30 p.m. Reservations with Mary Novick (581-8700).

Wednesday, September 20, 5:30 PM—Open House Honoring McGraw Hill neighbors.

Friday, September 22, 5:30 PM—"Jazz Night," bridging the jazz generation gap, featuring young and veteran jazz artists. Reservations.

Tuesday, September 26, 5:30 PM—"Talking Shop" with James Michaels, editor of Forbes magazine. Topic: New Trends in Business Journalism. Reservations.

Tuesday, October 10, 5:30 PM—"Talking Shop" with Harrison Salisbury, editor of New York Times Op-Ed page. Reservations.

Tuesday, October 17, 5:30 PM—"Talking Shop" with Mike O'Neil, managing editor, New York Daily News, and Mike Gardner, editor, Page One, the Wall Street Journal. Reservations.

For reservations at events, call Mary Novick at 581-8700.

HAL BERKE, OPC FRIEND

Harold B. Berke, husband of OPC secretary Anita Diamant Berke and affectionately called OPC's "member-in-law," died September 4 in Norwalk Hospital after a long illness. He was 58.

Member of the bar since 1938, Hal Berke had often volunteered his legal talents to help straighten out OPC juridicial problems involving the 39th and 40th street clubhouses even before the club approached the legal mazes that delayed entry into the Time & Life building headquarters.

Besides lending his assistance to the OPC, Hal was always ready to give legal help to members of the press club, often without fee.

Tall, silver-haired, Hal had a long time love affair with the sea. He was a member of the Power Squadron, the N Club and the Overseas Yacht Club, of which he was a founder and "sea lawyer." He obtained the incorporation papers for the Yacht Club and its listing in Lloyd's register.

Many OPCers attended Hal's funeral on September 6. Whit Burnett of the Board of Governors gave the eulogy. OPC will miss Hal Berke.

Sculpture Exhibit at OPC



Isabel Borgatta



Head of Leda
Detail in Marble

First in a series of art exhibits planned for the OPC dining room previews Wednesday night, Sept. 27.

A group of works by the American sculptor Isabel Borgatta goes on display in the main dining room then for two weeks to inaugurate the fall season.

Mrs. Borgatta's works are displayed at the Frank Rehn Gallery on Madison Avenue, and she has had shows at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, the Hartford Atheneum and the Knoedler Gallery. She is also represented in leading private collections, including William Benton and Harry Belafonte.

Mrs. Borgatta is a graduate of the Yale School of Fine Arts and was the holder of an Edward MacDowell Fellowship in 1968.

For Latest on China, Hear Barbara Tuchman

Pulitzer prize-winning author Barbara Tuchman will address the Deadline Club (Sigma Delta Chi) on Tuesday, October 3, in the main dining room of the Overseas Press Club at luncheon at 12:30 p.m. Members of the Overseas Press Club are welcome. Call Bill Mullane (393-8173) for reservations.

Earlier Happy Hour

The club's Executive Committee in a meeting Sept. 7, made the decision to change the time and price of the bar's "Happy Hour." The new time: 4:00 to 6:00 P.M. The new price: \$1.00 per drink for members and guests (plus tax and gratuity).

The Committee also reasserted the Treasurer's authority to post members who are delinquent in paying dues and other club bills.

Among other actions, the Committee voted to increase the salaries of the club's office staff effective this week. The increases will be commensurate with the wage increases for other employees covered by the new union contract.

MEMBERS ON THE MOVE

Jack Heaney has been named corporate director of public affairs for General Dynamics Corporation, St. Louis, and will be responsible for all corporate public relations activities. Until recently he was director of for the company in New York. . .

Albert T. Primo has been elected vice president of news for the American Broadcasting Company as well as in charge of ABC's five owned and operated stations.

Morton S. Stark, former senior editor of Family Health magazine, has been named editor of "In-Service Training and Education, a new magazine which will serve the in-service training and education departments of the nation's hospitals and nursing homes.

Max Harrelson Night

Max Harrelson, the Associated Press' chief correspondent at the United Nations from 1950 until his recent retirement, will be the OPC's guest at a cocktail party Tuesday, September 19.

Several UN officials and correspondents, along with a delegation from the Associated Press, are expected to be there to have "one for the road" with Max, a top-flight newsman whose 40-year AP career started with Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt in Albany and continued on through World War II assignments in London, Amsterdam, Copenhagen, Helsinki, Budapest, Belgrade, Athens and Bern.

Prior to his retirement, Max was the oldest "in service" correspondent at the UN — having covered all its major developments since 1945. He was president of the United Nations Correspondents Association in 1955-56.

Cocktails start at 5:30 p.m. Everything's Dutch treat. Please make reservations with Mary Novick (581-8700) so we can have enough bartenders on duty.

OBITUARY

Charles H. Lanius, long time foreign correspondent and free-lance writer, died last month in Madrid after a short illness. He was 64.

Lanius was NBC correspondent in Switzerland and Italy during World War II and later wrote for the Reader's Digest, Collier's, Argosy and other publications.

In the past 20 years he lived in Greece and, before moving to Spain, in Istanbul, working as a stringer for Time and other publications. A long time OPCer, he was the editor of the first OPC Dateline in 1957. He is survived by his widow, Kathy, of Athens.

'No Gap' In Jazz Club Second Swinging Season

Proving there is no generation gap in jazz, the Overseas Jazz Club swings into its second anniversary season Friday, September 22, with a "Twilight Jazz" program featuring the premiere performance of an 8-piece group called the "No-Gap Generation Jazz Band." The session will be held in the club dining room from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on a first-come, first seats available basis.

Hosting the jazz session will be the original "no-gap generation" jazz singer, Maxine Sullivan, who serves as honorary co-president of the OJC with Earl "Fatha" Hines.

The unique group, loyally dedicated to traditional jazz, is fronted by youthful, talented Art Miller on clarinet and tenor sax, and Gene Borst on percussion. They are joined by famous jazz veterans (whose credits could fill a book): Mabel Godwin on piano; Skeeter Best on guitar; Tommy Bryant on bass; Frank Orchard on trombone; Bobby Branca on coronet; Gordon Grinnell on baritone sax.

SECOND "PROFESSIONAL NIGHT" FEATURES JIM MICHAELS

The club's second "professional night" will be held on Tuesday, September 26 at 5:30 with James Michaels, editor of FORBES Magazine, as the featured seminar leader. Mr. Michaels, former chief of UPI's New Delhi bureau, will discuss new trends in business and financial journalism. As editor of Forbes, Michaels has pioneered in the investigative reporting approach to news of the corporate and financial communities.

Other speakers in the "Talking Shop With..." program who have been lined up by Larry Stessin, Chairman, include:

Harrison Salisbury, New York Times, Tues., October 10

Mike O'Neil, Managing Editor, New York Daily News, Tues., October 17

Stan Swinton, Vice President, Associated Press, Monday, November 20

Michael Gardner, Editor, Page One, Wall Street Journal, (Date to be announced).

There is no charge for members and guests. Cash bar.

For reservations, phone:
Mary Novick-581-8700

Overseas Yacht Club Club Busy-Busy

The Overseas Yacht Club, made up of fun-loving Rovers from the Overseas Press Club, plunges ahead. Nearly 50 of the mariners turned out for a summer rendezvous at Pea Island, beach resort of the Huguenot Yacht Club of New Rochelle, N.Y. Highlight of the day was the presentation of a 60-power telescope to the club by *George McCadden*. It was immediately pressed into service to watch an alleged nudist camp on nearby Huckleberry Island in Long Island Sound.

The next rendezvous will be held September 15-17 at Shelter Island, where Commodore *Barry Wilson*, Commodore Emeritus *Will Oursler* and Harbourmaster *Jay Brennan* all have fiefs. Call Harbourmaster Brennan at 516-749-2083 for details.

250 of the Faithful Honor OPC's Jack Danby

They celebrated the life and times of *Jack Danby* at the OPC last month. Some 250 of the faithful were there to have one for the road with Good Housekeeping Magazine's former executive editor, who retired Aug. 31.

If I had not worked for Danby, I would be tempted to describe the late-August event as an "encomiastic" evening. But Danby's reaction to that word would be unprintable, even in the OPC Bulletin.

So let's just say that *Bill Frank*, who worked with Danby on the Wilmington Evening Journal back in 1930, kicked off the tributes with his memories of "the second trombone player in the Wilmington Symphony Orchestra who sunlighted as the Journal's slot man and acting news editor and, after hours, frequented the best bars in town."

Garret Oppenheim, a Danby colleague on the New York Herald Tribune copy desk during World War II, came on next, to tell about "a fellow member of the orthopedic brace-and-cane brigade who could play a cane like a flute." Oppenheim had a less irreverent line, "Danby is a man who can transform his own physical handicap into illustrious achievements on behalf of handicapped people everywhere."

After that, they brought on Richard Nixon—in absentia, but the letter came from the White House. It read, in part:

"Your untiring dedication to the work of the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped represents the finest example of voluntarism in action. While the greatest reward for your achievement lies in the many lives you have enriched and filled with hope, it gives me special pleasure to point to the example you set as one that should be noted by all your fellow citizens."

A one-two-three punch like that is a tough act to follow. Despite the odds, *Dave Brown* took over next, to talk about "Jack Danby at Liberty." He meant the magazine, not the employment status. Brown, who was Liberty's former editor and, later vice president and story editor of 20th Century-Fox, had some colorful tales about a little guy on crutches who came to work for Liberty in the mid-1940's and, in so doing, started the Danby saga in the New York magazine business.

Wade Nichols, who was Danby's editor at both Redbook and Good Housekeeping, MC'd the show and contributed some memories of his own. Then he introduced the man of the evening—a guy who was born in England, crippled by polio at age 7, raised in Wilmington, Del., and made news editor of a major U.S. daily at age 23.

—Ed Cunningham

Member Needs Blood

Howard C.E. Johnson is recovering from open heart surgery at N.Y.U. Medical Center. He is doing well, but needs blood to replace that used during and after the operation. Anyone wishing to donate blood, of any type, should call for an appointment at OR 9-3200, ext. 2837 between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. at the hospital. The hospital's blood center is at 560 First Ave., near 33rd St.

Blue Cross-Blue Shield

Notice to members—Enrollments will be open for a short time. Call Fay Adler at 581-8700 for application forms.

KEEP THOSE SUGGESTIONS COMING

Members often have valid criticism of the conduct of our Club's affairs and suggestions of how to improve them.

Unfortunately, these opinions seldom reach the responsible individuals or committees who could act upon them.

To assure effective consideration of all suggestions, members are urged to drop them into the Suggestion Box located in the Club corridor or send them to me c/o the OPC.

All communications will be acknowledged and referred to the responsible OPC officer or committee chairman — even submitted to the Board of Governors when necessary — for consideration and action.

Joe Peters, Vice President
Chairman, House Committee

LETTERS

No longer a working newsman, I'm in hearty agreement with the dues views stated by Jim Wessel in his letter in the June 15 Bulletin. It seems to me there are two broad categories of members: (a) those who write or speak reportorially or editorially for publications and the air waves, doing so as their main livelihood and (b) those who have drifted into other fields as publishers, public relations people, teachers, business men and what have you. This former group should surely have a break on dues.

At the same time, partly for budgetary purposes but also to make membership available to all who scriven for a livin', I urge those who write primarily for magazines (news or otherwise) and for book publishers be qualified for membership under (a). We already have a few prominent members who have concentrated their writing in these areas. Indeed it might be constructive to make merger overtures to other kindred organizations representing these fields.

Finally, to retain the prestige of our present name but to recognize the reality of our locale, I suggest a name change to Overseas and New York Press Club. More wordy, but more accurate.

Eliot H. Sharp

Publisher, Investment Dealers Digest

(The Newspaper Reporters Association of New York City has just changed its name to The New York Press Club.—Editor).

Your Bulletin comments on the Peter Pollack exhibit are appreciated, as is your acknowledgment of Ralph Baum's contribution to OPC's new panels.

One omission—my co-chairman, Charles E. Rotkin, should be given equal billing in any mention of the photographic exhibits.

—Barrett Gallagher

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WhoWhatWhere

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(Grace Naismith is on vacation)

BACK & FORTH: **Gunter Less** back from Tokyo for his daily "Journey to Adventure" series and off again to the Scandinavian countries... Religioso author-PR executive **Roland Gammon** to Heidelberg to cover sessions of the International Association of Religious Freedom. Gammon to return via Munich, Zagreb, Marrakesh and London, completing research on his new Harper book on the Omega Age... Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Milton, up from Dallas to celebrate his 85th birthday, lunched at the Club recently, guests of son **Art Milton**. Joe retired from the World Telegram six years ago, after 55 years in the newspaper field... Picture postcard of Hearst San Simeon State Historical Monument from **Ralph Leviton**, who pens, "What's a visit to California without paying homage at the shrine of Yellow Journalism? And what a shrine!"... **Mike Kinzer** (Photography Annuals, Ziff-Davis) on seventh annual monthlong London sojourn, advises that during a visit to Fortnum & Mason to replenish his supply of proper lettuce he ran into **Arky Gonzalez** and **Jim Beizer**, sampling the latest French wine imports. When not at F & M, Mike is to be found "at the hospitable Press Club in St. Bride's Passage." Kinzer winging homeward late September via Cologne, there for a few days at the big biennial **Photokina**... **Arthur Kavalier**, editor-in-chief of Chemical Marketing Reporter, completes three-week fact-finding tour of Tokyo, Osaka and Hong Kong for his international business weekly... **Frances Kish** and **Henrietta Kish** back Sept. 3 from a 15-day tour of Russia. Frances recently named chairman of a key committee of the American Society for Psychical Research, of which she has been an active member for 21 years... **June Mellies Reno**, formerly June Robbins, back from Baja California wedding trip with political scientist Earl Reno. June has signed contract with Scott Meredith for book about early C.I.O. organizing days, has completed book for NAL titled *The Horse You Care For* and while in Mexico wired coverage on the south-of-the-border activity of the United Farm Workers... **Dr. Henry Singer** returning mid-September from month's tour of Far East, covering XXth International Congress of Psychology in Tokyo and American

Psychological Convention in Hawaii... Where is that postcard, **Ralph Salazar**, exUnipresser, translator extraordinaire, and established Friend of The Bulletin? Gone Californian? Wine-tasting got you?... No postcards of the Adirondack **Ruth Biemiller** is temporarily living & breathing on... **Arky Gonzalez** back from nine week consulting assignment in Middle East. "Managed to get up to the Suez Canal through wall-to-wall military installations on the Egyptian side," he reports, "and then into Israel over the Allenby Bridge from Jordan." It was a ten-country trip. Recent Gonzalez pieces: two London features in The N.Y. Times and a report on Greece

NEW MEMBERS

Active Resident

Howard Heyn, Associated Press

Associate Resident

Robert C. Albrook, I.T.T.

Kauzuo Gomi, New York, Bureau Chief, Nippon Television Network of Japan.

Fred G. Myers, Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn.

Richard D. Stainbrook, Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn.

Active Non-Resident

John Vanleer Williams, Cleveland Call and Post.

Associate Non-Resident

Robert M. Berzok, Uniroyal Inc., Middlebury, Conn.

Linda Jennifer Hall, free lance.

Active Overseas

Ruchan Arian, NBC, Beirut.

Change of Status

Affiliate to Associate, Sou Chan.

Affiliate to Associate Non-Resident, Jack Heaney, St. Louis.

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POSTERITY: **Russell Birdwell's** first novel, *Mount Horeb*, has been selected for the Fine Literature Departments of the Mayfield Libraries of Bethesda (Md.), Syracuse (NY) and Tyler (Tex.)... **Adele Nathan's** *Major John Andre, Gentlemen Spy*, a *Giniger-Stackpole* book, is listed in the American Revolution Bibliography for Young People, published by the NY State American Revolution Bicentennial Commission.

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